

1876.

After ⁵On returning home recently from a
visit to our great C. E. at Phil., I found a letter
from your estimable aunt, dated May 30, acknowl-
edging the receipt of ~~the~~ a little des. volume from me,
pertaining to the death of my dearly beloved wife,
and expressing the tenderest sympathy and the kindest
^{personal} regard, and concluding as follows: - "I can say no more.
My departure is evidently near, & I hold the pen with diffi-
culty. Accept the sympathy & reverent blessing of your
old friend H. M." Gratified beyond measure as I
was to receive the precious token of her affec-
tionate remembrance, I felt extremely sorry that
she should have made the effort to write it, as I
had long been aware of her great physical prostrac-
tion, and, in consequence, neither anticipated nor
desired any such response - needing no assur-
ance of her beautiful sympathy in my stricken
condition. But, though she referred to the time of
her ^{own} departure as near at hand, her handwriting was
so firm & legible, ~~that~~ & she has been so long an in-
valid, ~~that~~ I did not feel specially apprehensive
in regard to her case, ~~and so~~ but hoped her ~~dis-~~
prophetic impression might prove erroneous.
To my grief, if not surprise, just as I was pre-
paring to send her my thanks & best wishes, our
daily newspapers contained a telegraphic announce-
ment of her decease on the 27th ult., ~~but~~
giving no particulars.

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As was said of old, "Know ye not that a
prince has this day fallen in Israel?" So it may
as truthfully be said in her case, "Know ye not
that one of the noblest women of the south has passed
away?" Indeed, the civilized world will need no
such interrogation; for the fame of her literary
genius, her philosophic grasp of mind, her
politics-economical ^{superior} ability, her solid un-
derstanding and well-balanced faculties, her
world-embracing sympathy with suffering
humanity, her fearless advocacy of ~~truth~~ ^{the right}
against popular opinion, her comprehensive
and varied knowledge, her untrammelled utter-
ance of what ~~was revealed to her~~ she believed
to be true, however deemed or denounced as
heretical, has long since "rung from side to
side."

Never shall I cease to remember with pride and
admiration the sublime exemplification of her
great character when she was in this country in
the year 1835 - the most odious & the most perni-
cious period of the A. S. struggle, when any
sympathy evinced for it was sure to be fol-
lowed by social ostracism and public con-
~~tempt~~

tempt. She might have plausibly excused herself for taking a non-committal course on the ground that she was a transient visitor from a foreign land, and it was a matter that was so interwoven with the politics and religion of the country - nay, with the very structure of the An. U. - that it did not become her to meddle therewith; but ~~she~~ it was impossible for a soul like hers to resort to such a subterfuge. She did not seek the trial, nor did she shrink from it; but with modesty, yet with firmness and candor, she gave ~~to the all-vibrating~~ ~~clear~~ bore her testimony to the wrongfulness of slaveholding, and she gave to the hated An.

To Jane Martineau,

on the death of Harriet Martineau.

January 24, 1876.

See Vol. 2, p. 576 of
H. M.'s Autobiography.

"If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

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Chicago, June 5 1876

William Lloyd Garrison Esq
Dear Sir,

At the International Convention of Temperance Women, of which the enclosed Circular gives full accounts, we desire some expression from American leaders of thought.

Will you please examine our Circular and send at the earliest day possible — as the date is near at hand — such words of counsel and of cheer, as you deem fitting.

Yours sincerely
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